

JS 44 (Rev. 04/21)

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS** Carolyn Miller**DEFENDANTS** Hard Rock Cafe International  
(N.J) Inc., et al**(b)** County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Baltimore County  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Atlantic County  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)**(c)** Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Law Offices of Vincent J. Ciecka, Joseph J. Urban, Esq., 5709 Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110; 856-665-5709

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                         | PTF                                   | DEF                        |                                                               | PTF                        | DEF                                   |
| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5            |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6            |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692) <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement		

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
28 U.S.C. Sec. 1332**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**Brief description of cause:  
Personal Injury/Slip and Fall**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$1,000,000.00

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE May 19, 2022

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD  
/s/Joseph J. Urban**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ APPLYING IFP \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ MAG. JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44****Authority For Civil Cover Sheet**

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.  
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.  
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.  
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.  
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.  
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.  
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.  
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.  
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.  
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.  
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

**IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

CAROLYN MILLER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Docket No.

**HARD ROCK CAFÉ INTERNATOINAL (N.J.)** :  
**INC.; HARD ROCK ATLANTIC CITY, LLC;** :  
**HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, INC.;** :  
**JOHN DOE PROPERTY OWNERS/** :  
**MANAGERS No. 1-100;** (fictitiously named :  
defendants), and **JACK DOE MAINTENANCE** :  
**CO. Nos. 1-100,** inclusive (fictitiously named :  
defendants), individually, jointly, severally :  
and/or in the alternative, :

Defendants

**PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**

The Plaintiff, Carolyn Miller, residing at 27 Horseradish Lane, in the City of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, by way Complaint against the Defendants, says:

**FIRST COUNT**  
**Plaintiff v. All Defendants**

1. On or about June 19, 2021, Plaintiff, Carolyn Miller, was lawfully on the premises known as The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino located at 1000 Boardwalk, in the City of Atlantic City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, for a birthday celebration with her family at the restaurant "The Hard Rock Café".

2. The Defendants, Hard Rock Café International (N.J.) Inc., Hard Rock Atlantic City, LLC, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Inc.'s corporate headquarters is located at 6100 Old Park Lane, Orlando, Florida at zip 32835.

3. At all times relevant herein, Defendants, Hard Rock Café International (N.J.) Inc., Hard Rock Atlantic City, LLC, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Inc., and/or John Doe Property Owners/Managers 1-100, managed, owned, occupied, operated, possessed, controlled, inspected, repaired, cleaned and/or otherwise maintained The Hard Rock Cafe, including the premises, floors, hallways, entrances, exits, walkways, staircases, and property known and operated as "The Hard Rock Café".

4. At all relevant times herein, Defendant, John Doe Property Owners/Managers Nos. 1-100, are fictitiously named defendants, whose identities are unknown at present, but who owned, operated, possessed, managed, inspected, repaired, maintained, cleaned, and/or otherwise controlled the property, business and/or facility commonly known as The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and The Hard Rock Café, 1000 Boardwalk, in the City of Atlantic City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey 08401.

5. At all relevant times herein, Defendant, Jack Doe Maintenance Co. Nos. 1-100, are fictitiously named defendants, whose identities are unknown at present, but who owned, operated, possessed, managed, inspected, repaired, cleaned, polished, maintained and/or otherwise maintained the property, flooring, staircases, entranceways, exits, business and/or facility commonly known as The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and the Hard Rock Cafe, 1000 Boardwalk, in the City of Atlantic City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey 08401.

6. At the aforesaid time and place, the defendants acted by and through their agents, contractors, servants, lessees, workers, employees and/or those under their supervision and control and each defendant, along with their agents, contractors, servants, lessees, workers, employees and/or those under their supervision and control, acted by or on the behalf of the other defendants named herein.

7. At the aforesaid time and place, the defendants, acting by and through their agents, contractors, servants, lessees, workers, employees and/or those under their supervision and control, did so carelessly and negligently inspect, maintain, repair, clean, operate and/or



otherwise failed to keep the floors, hallways, entrances, walkways staircases and other areas inside the premises in a safe and clean condition, free and clear of liquids, water and/or other slippery substances so as to create a dangerous and unsafe condition for people walking inside the facility, invitees and/or people otherwise lawfully on the premises of The Hard Rock and The Hard Rock Café, including the Plaintiff herein.

8. The Defendants created, and/or had actual and/or constructive knowledge of the dangerous condition of the premises as aforesaid, and knew or reasonably should have known that the dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of injury to persons lawfully on the premises, business invitees and/or persons walking in the premises, including the Plaintiff herein.

9. The Defendants, individually, jointly, and/or severally, were under a duty to take reasonable action, both precautionary and remedial in nature, to provide for the safety of persons on or using the premises, business invitees, persons walking on the subject flooring, including but not limited to, the hallways on staircases, at the entrances and exits, and/or those members of the general public who were or might be utilizing and/or walking upon said premises, including the Plaintiff herein.

10. The Defendants failed and neglected to take such reasonable action so as to provide for the safety of persons on or using the premises, business invitees, persons walking on the subject flooring including but not limited to the staircases, steps, entrances and exits and/or those members of the general public who were or might be utilizing and/or walking upon said premises, thereby causing injuries to the Plaintiff, Carolyn Miller.

11. The Defendants additionally had a duty to take reasonable action to warn and/or failed in adequately providing warnings to persons on or using the premises, business invitees, persons walking on the subject flooring, including but not limited to, the hallways on staircases, at the entrances and exits and/or those members of the general public who were or might be

utilizing and/or walking upon said premises that a slippery, unsafe and dangerous condition was present upon the premises as aforesaid.

12. In addition to the allegations contained above, the Defendants, individually, jointly and/or severally, were negligent, reckless and/or careless in that they:

- (a) failed to properly, adequately and carefully inspect the premises, especially the floors, and keep said premises in a safe condition;
- (b) failed to exercise due and proper care in the maintenance, cleaning, polishing, and repair of the premises, especially the floors;
- (c) created, caused and permitted a dangerous and hazardous condition to exist on the premises, including a slippery floor;
- (d) failing to use proper flooring and proper cleaning materials in installation, maintenance repair and subject materials;
- (e) permitted a nuisance to exist on their premises;
- (f) failed to provide proper, safe and clear access and usage for all persons allowed and invited to use the premises;
- (g) failed to provide proper safeguards and/or warnings on the premises and by not placing any warning signs notifying persons of the hazardous and dangerous condition;
- (h) were otherwise negligent in the use, operation, maintenance and control of the premises;
- (i) were negligent in providing appropriate warnings, security and/or lighting to notify persons of the unsafe and dangerous condition; and
- (j) other acts of negligence, carelessness and recklessness as may be further revealed during the course of discovery and/or at the time of trial.

13. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of the Defendants, as aforesaid, Plaintiff, Carolyn Miller, while on the premises of The Hard Rock and The Hard Rock Café on the date aforesaid, was caused to slip, trip and/or fall due to the slippery conditions that permitted to exist on the floor of its premises, thus creating an unsafe and dangerous condition.

14. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of the Defendants, as aforesaid, which created the unsafe and dangerous condition, Plaintiff suffered significant injuries, which are diverse, serious personal injuries of both a temporary and permanent nature. Plaintiff has endured and will in the future continue to endure great pain and suffering, has been and will be compelled to expend large sums of money for medical care and treatment; plaintiff has in the past and will in the future suffer a loss of past earnings and a diminishment of his future earnings and earning capacity and all of his activities of daily life have been impaired, interfered with and hampered and he has otherwise suffered great physical and mental pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life.

15. As a proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of the defendants, and the resulting fall, Plaintiff, Carolyn Miller, has endured and will continue to endure great pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life, has been and will be compelled to expend large sums of money for physicians and medical treatment in an attempt to be cured of said injuries and has been and will be prevented from attending to all normal business and affairs, and has suffered various other economic and non-economic damages, including but not limited to, medical expenses, wage loss and other pecuniary damages.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, Carolyn Miller, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, Hard Rock Café International (N.J.) Inc., Hard Rock Atlantic City, LLC, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Inc., John Doe Property Owners/Managers Nos. 1-100, and/or Jack Doe Maintenance Co. Nos. 1-100 (fictitiously named defendants), individually, jointly, severally and/or in the alternative for damages, interest, costs of suit and such other relief as this Court shall deem fair and just.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues.

**LAW OFFICES OF VINCENT J. CIECKA, PC**

/s/Joseph J. Urban

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Joseph J. Urban, Esquire  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: May 19, 2022